

Application No. 10/679,240

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 94 are pending in the application. The Examiner has subjected the claims to a restriction requirement and required that Applicants elect one of the following groups of claims for examination:

I. Claims 1 to 44 and 88, drawn to a material, classified in class 528, various subclasses including 26, 28, and 15.

II. Claims 45 to 94, drawn to a printing process, classified in class 101, subclass 483.

The Examiner has stated that the inventions are related as product and process of use, and that they have acquired a separate status in the art because of their divergent subject matter.

Applicants are of the position that the patent classification system has been developed primarily for convenience, and that separate classifications within this system is not indicative of distinctiveness for the purposes of a restriction requirement. Applicants are of the position that the claims of Group I and the claims of Group II should be examined together.

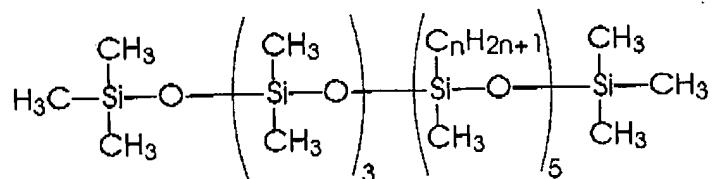
Should the Examiner persist in the restriction requirement, Applicants confirm with traverse the Group II claims (45 to 94) for prosecution.

The Examiner has further stated that Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution, and has referred specifically to species of breadth such as those recited in claim 25 as examples of those which are electable.

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Applicants respectfully traverse this election of species requirement, and are of the position that the species within Group II can be examined together.

Should the Examiner persist in the restriction requirement, Applicants elect with traverse the species

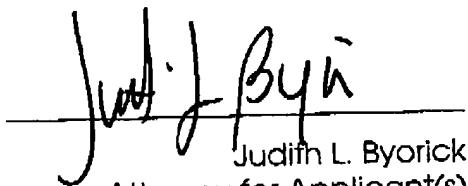


wherein n is from about 24 to about 28. Claims reading on this species are claims 45 to 53, 68 to 87, and 89 to 94.

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In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is hereby authorized to call Applicant(s) attorney, Judith L. Byorick, at Telephone Number (585) 423-4564, Rochester, New York.

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